



## Bibliography

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## leafy pondweed

*Potamogeton foliosus*

Kingdom: Plantae  
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta - flowering plants

## Features

Leafy pondweed is an aquatic, perennial herb with thick roots. Its short, grass-like leaves are arranged in an alternate pattern along the stem. A clump of four to eight fruits is attached to a center stem by a short stalk.

## Natural History

Leafy pondweed grows in standing water in lakes, ponds, and streams. It is completely submersed from the shoreline to a depth of about four feet. It flowers in summer.

## Habitats

Mississippi River; Missouri River; interior rivers and streams; natural lakes and prairie marshes; constructed lakes, ponds, and reservoirs

## Iowa Status

common; native

## Iowa Range

scattered throughout Iowa in suitable habitats